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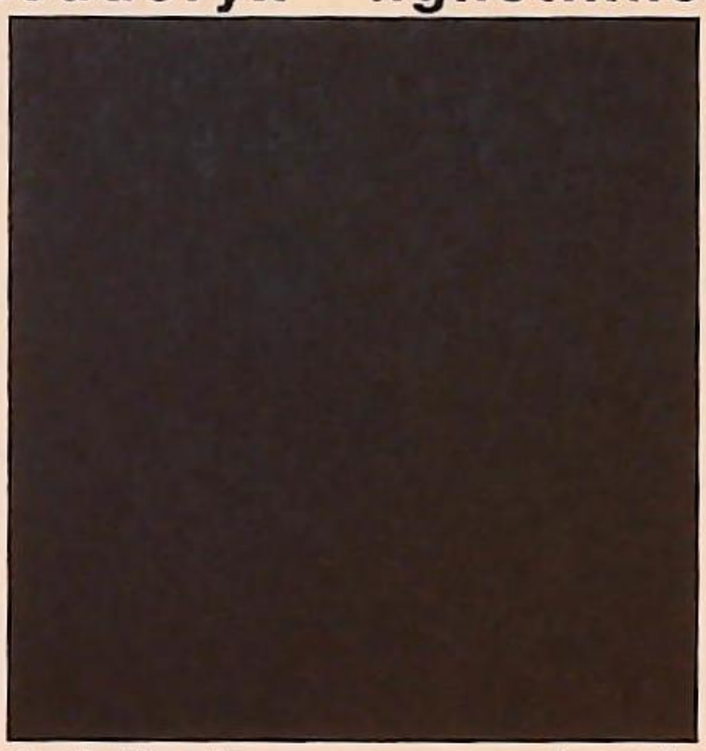
NEW CREATURES FOUND ON LAND STUNNED THE SCIENTIST´S

If there could be new mammals on land, what couldn´t then be hiding under the surface of the sea, even in a lake! Scientist´s laugh at lake monsters and sea serpents, saying there could be no suc thing and claiming that all sizeable animals have been found. Well, th are proven dead wrong again and again but they never seem to learn. Personally I think scientist`s are among the most prejudice people w have on this planet, caring only about their own importance. Scientist´s better think again and leave their precious desk´s, walk out into reality and talk to the common man, because he is the true explorer of this amazing world!

NEW SPECIES IN VIETNAM

Pseudoryx nghetinhensis



This photo shows the characteristic long, recurved spindle-shaped horns of this speci
Credit: Forest Inventory and Planning Institute and V. Weitzel

Until this decade, no new large mammal species have been described many years. Our knowledge of the faunal diversity of Vietnam was impeded by years of war and limited international contacts.

Pseudoryx nghetinhensis is the first of the new mammal species discovered. First found in Vu Quang forest reserve, which is in Ha Tin province of north central Vietnam. Specimens are also known from Ng An province just to the north, and it is suspected from Thua Thien-Hu province and Dak Lak in the southern central highlands. Based on this information, we believe that Pseudoryx nghetinhensis has a wider

distribution.

Megamuntiacus vuquangensis

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This robust muntjak deer was discovered in Vu Quang forest reserve, Ha Tinh province, which is about the size of a large dog. Specimens ha been found in Nghe An province, and in Dak Lac province. This suggest that Megamuntiacus vuquangensis also has a wider much distribution than is known. The antlers have shorter, thicker pedicel or base and longer tines than the common Muntiacus muntjac.

Another goat-like animal have been found near A Luoi in Thua Thien Province (unpublished). Dr Pham Nhat (Forestry University, Xuan Mai) reports two unusual civet specimens from Lao Cai Province in the far northwest [Lam Nghiep 2/1995:22 (1995)]. Peter and Feiler [Zool. Abh. Staat. Mus. f. Tier. Dresden 48(11) (1994)] describe a new bovid from Vietnam and Cambodia.

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